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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, TC
SUBJ: M16A1 RIFLES FOR UAE DF
REF: STATE 296712, ABU DHABI 3200

1. DCM WAS SUMMONED DEC 30 BY COL. MUHAMMAD AL-BADI, DEPUTY TO UAE DF CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL KHALDI. FIRST TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS M16A1 RIFLES OR MORE SPECIFICALLY POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED REFTELS OF COLT FINDING BUYER FOR DF'S CURRENT WEAPONS. UAE DF WOULD LIKE TO TAKE CULT UP ON ITS OFFICER (SENT VIA TELEX) TO SEND OUT SOMEONE TO INSPECT RIFLES PRESENTLY IN USE AND TO MAKE OFFER. THEY HOPE THIS CAN TAKE PLACE ASAP.

2. DCM ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT UAE DF HAD DECIDED IN FAVOR OF M16A1. COL. AL-BADI RESPONDED "NIT DEFINITELY." THAT WOULD DEPEND AT LEAST IN PART ON NATURE OF COLT OFFER FOR PRESENT RIFLES. HE DID AGREE, HOWEVER, WITH DCM'S OBSERVATION THAT AT LEAST DECISION APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MADE TO BUY NEW RIFLE FOR DEFENSE FORCE RATHER THAN STICKING WITH PRESENT BRITISH MODEL.

3. GIST OF ABOVE WILL BE PASSED DIRECTLY TO COLT REP ROY VIA TELEX.
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